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I see you noticed that LOM #17 was only eight pages (except John Pack, who only got four). Well, I don't care if Gary Coughlan can come out with 50-page issues of EUROPA EXPRESS; however, I don't like these small issues, and the hassle which goes with sorting each of those games. On more than one occasion, the right game ended up going to the wrong person. THEREFORE, I have decided to go back to the original policy of putting the games in the 'zine. (Besides, I don't have to worry about calculating different prices for different players.) I'll try to keep the costs down; I estimate 16-page issues for 50¢, 20-page issues for 60¢, and 24-pagers for 65¢.

I'd like to thank all of you who bothered to write in about that 1981AS thing. I never thought I'd find so many people who agreed with me! Looks like Randolph Smyth gets my business from now on....

There's another "contest" in this issue; this one is based on Parker Brothers' game of BLACK BOX. The rules for BB should be somewhere in this issue.

OH, I ALMOST FORGOT: You may have noticed that this issue is rather late. Well, the school closed for the winter between mid-December and early January, so I couldn't do anything until then. Besides, didn't anybody read the papers or watch the news lately? It's been MURDER in Marin as of this writing (January 6) - 13 INCHES OF RAIN IN 24 HOURS where I live! Fortunately, it's on a hill of solid rock, so I didn't get flooded out or washed down the hill.

ALLEN WELLS DEPARTMENT: Wooden blocks for Diplomacy are available from Avalon Hill as of November 1, 1981; the blocks are \$2 for a set of 10 armies or fleets of one country (France not available) or \$10 for the complete set of 112. These prices may not be accurate (I'm 90% sure), so don't blame me if you get a nasty letter from Avalon Hill when you place your order.

I'm glad to see that people are plugging the new LOMSHIRTS! You get a choice of shirt color - gold, red, blue, white, purple, black, maroon, and brown - and letter color - black, blue, gold, white, and maroon - as well as size (small, medium, large, extra large) and letter type (large or small). LOMSHIRTS go for \$7.50 postpaid (first class) plus 10¢ per small letter/number or 15¢ per large letter/number. Also available: "Rainbow Letters" at 40¢ each. Not all shirts available in all sizes and colors.

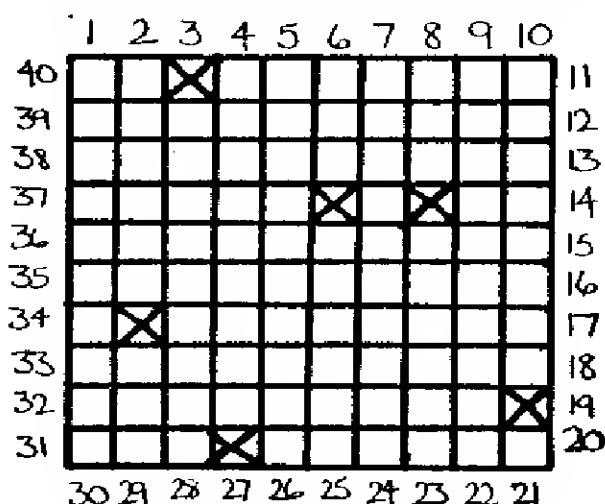
Speaking of plugs, it's almost time for the first anniversary of THE WHITE DUKE, available from Steve Shaddix, 216 Roberts, Long Beach, MS 39560, and you just have enough time (until February 15) to send in your votes for the BEYERLEIN PLAYER POLL. List who you think are the 14 best Diplomacy players (in order from #1 to #14), and send your votes to Doug Beyerlein, 640 College Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

You are hereby warned that there is no feud news in LOM #18. You can turn the pages without worry - for now.

If I didn't know better, I'd say
this was PAGE 1

Here are the LOM rules for BLACK BOX, which is based on the Parker Brothers game of the same name (originally from GAMES & PUZZLES)

1. The object of BLACK BOX is to be the first person to locate a certain number of balls within a large black box by shooting "rays" through the box and observing where the rays exit.
2. The GM sets up the game by placing six balls within the black box. The black box consists of 100 smaller boxes placed in a 10 by 10 square fashion. Each of the smaller boxes is capable of holding one ball. The balls will not be placed so that their locations can be determined solely by observation of rays.
3. The game works in this way: each time a player is allowed to shoot a ray, he/she names the location where the ray is to enter the black box. Each location is an edge of a smaller box which is on an outer edge of the black box. The locations are numbered:



The small boxes are numbered in this way: the upper left corner is 1, then across to 2, 3,..., 10 in the upper right corner. The next row is 11-20, then 21-30, and on down to 91-100.

4. A ray travels in a straight line unless it enters a box adjacent to a ball. If the ball is in a box diagonally adjacent to the ray, then the ray turns 90 degrees (i.e. one-quarter of a full circle) away from the ball (if the ball is on the right side of the ray, the ray turns left; if on the left side, the ray turns right). If the ball is directly in front of the ray, the ray is absorbed by the ball and doesn't come out. The ray continues moving until it is absorbed or it exits the black box through one of the entrances. The player is told where the ray exits the black box, or if the ray was absorbed.
5. Should two balls be adjacent to the ray at the same time, and one of the balls is directly in front of the ray, the ray turns as if that ball wasn't there. Should two balls be adjacent to the ray at the same time, and neither ball is directly in front of the ray (i.e. one ball would make the ray go right, the other would make the ray go left), the ray is reflected back out of the entrance where it entered the black box (the ray turned around and retraced its path).

Now I suppose this is PAGE 2

6. If there is a ball in the box first entered (e.g. a ball in box 1 when the ray enters thru #1 or #40), the ray is absorbed. If there is a ball directly to the left or right of the square first entered (e.g. a ball in square 50 when the ray enters thru #14 or #16), the ray is reflected out of the entrance it entered.

EXAMPLES OF PLAY: Suppose there are balls in squares 3, 36, 38, 62, 90, and 94 (these squares are marked with Xs on the board under rule 3).

FROM ENTRANCE 9, the ray goes 9-19-29 (ball in 38 forces turn)-30 and exits through entrance 13; the player is told that the ray exits through entrance 13, but not the ray's path inside.

FROM ENTRANCE 17, the ray goes 70-69-68-67-66-65-64-63; since the ball in 62 is directly in the way of the ray, the ray is absorbed, and the player is told that the ray is absorbed, but not told where.

FROM ENTRANCE 24, the ray goes 97-87-77-67-57-47; the ball at 36 would normally cause a right turn, and the ball at 38 would cause a left turn, so the ray rebounds back out entrance 24.

FROM ENTRANCE 15, the ray goes 50-49-(ball at 38 causes turn) 59-69-79-(ball at 90 causes turn) 78-77-76-75-74-73-(ball at 62 causes turn) 83-(ball at 94 causes turn) 82-81 and out entrance 32.

FROM ENTRANCE 19, the ball in square 90 is directly in front of the entering ray, and the ray is absorbed.

FROM ENTRANCE 4, the ball in square 3 causes a turn before the ray enters the black box, so this is counted as a rebound, and the player is told only that the ray came out through entrance 4.

7. Each player's turn consists of: (1) one guess of the locations of the six balls, and (2) TWO rays which enter the black box. The first turn of the game consists of part (2) only. The GM will inform the players (1) whether they are right or wrong (if one or more players are right, the game is over), and (2) where their rays exited the black box (if they weren't absorbed). Players are advised to remember what they guessed so that they can use the GM's information to locate the balls. Please note that players are NOT told, for part (1), whether each individual guess of a ball is right or wrong, or even how many are right - just whether the entire solution is right or wrong.

8. The only penalty for NAIRing is that your opponents have a one-turn advantage over you.

Yes, there are OPENINGS for BLACK BOX! The game will start as soon as SIX PEOPLE enter; HOWEVER, more than six can play in the game (the openings close when LOM is published after at least six people sign up). Under the new "games-in-the-'zine" policy, there is NO GAME FEE. This game will be registered with the Intellectual Numbers Custodian, John Caruso, 160-02 43rd Avenue, Second Floor, Flushing, NY 11358, so complain to him.

Speaking of openings, I've been looking over Nova's AXIS AND ALLIES, but the combat system makes it next to impossible to PBM; it does look like RISK in WWII, but I forgot who said that first. SPI is thinking about a new version of GLOBAL WAR, but who can spare \$50 for 4 maps and 1200 counters?

Then again, who cares that this is
PAGE 3?

STANDBYS! Yes, STANDBYS are wanted! Despite what the last PONTEVERDIA (or whatever that thing is called) said, there is NO FEE for standbys other than keeping a sub to LOM. Since there aren't any game fees anyway, nobody has wanted to be a standby for LOM, and Jeff Noto wrote a letter to EUROPA EXPRESS about how Brad Wilson's English position in 1981AS never moved! He NAILED twice, then his position went into CD when BORN TO DIP folded and he didn't sub. (I do believe that he honestly couldn't afford to, but that's beside the point.) Standbys are needed for DIPLOMACY and one for SECOND CHANCE DIPLOMACY (rules on request for a SASE).

Another official LOM APOLOGY - of sorts - goes out to....

***** JACK MASTERS *****

Yes, it seems that I was a bit mad at Jack because I thought he had stopped my supply of BLACK FROGS at #55. Yesterday, while sorting my mew 'zines, I found BLACK FROG #56 between my issues of THE WHITE DUKE and JIHAD! (did you know that Simulations Canada has a game by that name, complete with exclamation point? Hey, Glenn, if you wait a few years, Mark Matuschak will be out of Columbia Law School and you can let him handle your "copyright infringement" case). However, that issue came out on November 17th, and I have yet to see an issue since. What happened to the big #50? I don't think there HAVE BEEN any issues since, so I'm not worried - much. Besides, I'm in too much pain to worry - how many 20-year-olds out there have hemorrhoidal problems???

It seems that a lot of GMS have been printing lists of what they listen to when they're putting out for their 'zines - not to be outdone, here's the LOM PLAYLIST.....

"Lydia, the Tattooed Lady", GROUCHO MARX on the Armed Forces Radio Service
The Innes Book Of Records, NEIL INNES

"Ride of the Valkyries", NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC (L. Bernstein)
(that's what the air cavalry played in "Apocalypse Now" during the attack)
assorted Broadway Cast albums (mainly A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM starring Zero Mostel)

Live at Carnegie Hall, THE BENNY GOODMAN QUARTET (plus HARRY JAMES)
(that's Benny Goodman on clarinet, Teddy Wilson on piano, Gene Krupa on drums, Lionel Hampton on vibraphone, and Harry James on trumpet)

What do you MEAN, where's the rock & roll? And ANYBODY out there who wants to know where the DISCO is can just ask for a refund of their sub. Oh, there's ONE more song:

"The Lumberjack Song", MONTY PYTHON

Well, why not? It's been a while, but here's yet another PYTHON FLASHBACK. Ever since the show was taken off the air in 1980, things haven't been the same. Sure, there's RIPPING YARNS and FAWLTY TOWERS, but it's just not the same. Here's the famous BARBER SHOP SKETCH:

I'll just skim over the unimportant stuff...a man walks into a barber shop run by a man who's afraid of hair, so his mother made him become a barber; he trained for five years - on the same head! He never wanted to be a barber...he wanted to be...a LUMBERJACK! With his best girl at his side, he'd sing, sing, sing....

(Chorus) I'm a lumberjack and I'm OK,
I sleep all night, I work all day

(chorus repeated by mounties)

I cut down trees, I eat my lunch, I go to the lavat'ry
On Wednesdays I go shopping and have buttered scones for tea

I cut down trees. I eat my lunch,
I know this is PAGE 4

(I think "scones" most nearly translates into "biscuits")

(Mounties repeat verse, then chorus)

I cut down trees, I skip and jump, I like to press wild flowers
I put on women's clothing and hang around in bars

(Mounties repeat verse, saying rather than singing the bit about hanging
around in bars, with a disbelieving tone)

(Chorus)

I cut down trees, I wear high heels, suspenders and a bra
I wish I'd been a girlie, just like my dear mama

(Mounties begin to repeat verse, but they all leave halfway through,
and the barber finishes solo, after ~~with~~ his girl leaves him)

-IT'S-BEEN-ALMOST-A-YEAR-SINCE-THE-FAKE-LON-CAME-OUT-I-STILL-OWE-TRO-SHERWOOD-ONE-

And as we leave the barber shop sketch, we can begin to hear the voices
of....."Steve Shaddix, from Long Beach, Massachusetts....Steve
Arnwoodian, from Lansdale, PA....Phyllis Byrne, from Flushing, NY.....
Roy. Hen-now wait a minute; who made her the captain?"

"Aren't you having enough trouble filling that distaff game of yours
without arguing with HER??"

(Slight pause) "Uh, Roy Henricks, from Pittsburgh, PA.....those are
the varsity dippers from the--"

"WAIT A MINUTE! (It's Woody this time) What did I over do to 'HER'?"

"You're not from New York"

"So what if I'm not from New Yawk?"

"You ((the rest of this was deleted as I don't want Phyllis's mother to
read the things that she said....))....as I was saying, those are the
varsity dippers from the NEW YORK OR THEREABOUTS GANG.....Jerry
Jones, from Pasadena, CA....Jack Masters, from Valencia, CA....Odd Rod
Walker, from Bakersfield, CA....Ron Brown, from Bakersfield, CA....and
those are the varsity dippers from the defending world champions, the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPSY-DOODLERS!"

(Usual whistle and music) "It's time to match stabs with the champions
in America's favorite game with optional wooden blocks, the varsity
sport of the mouth,

DIP BOWL

What's going on? Who's doing
the interrupting?

"As I was saying, I don't
care what anybody else says...."

These has-beens will do any-
thing to get some attention

these days....NOW what's going on? Who's this? What do you MEAN, you
represent the "Committee to Outlaw New Yorkers From DIP BOWL"? I've
had the committees to outlaw Canadians, Europeans, Known Communists,
People Involved In Feuds, Southerners, Kingmaker Players, D&D players,
Liberals, Fakers, and Hobby Queens yell at me - what harm can a few
New Yorkers do? No, no, I wasn't at the last GEN CON EAST Diplomacy
meeting....where was I? Oh, yes....the varsity sport of the mouth,
DIP BOWL!!!! The eighth game of the 1982 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT
pits the varsity dippers of the NEW YORK OR THEREABOUTS GANG versus the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPSY-DOODLERS, and comes to you almost LIVE from
Zellerbach Hall Auditorium on the campus of the University of California,
Berkeley...."

Berkeley - home of this PAGE 5

As we pick up the action, it's still anybody's game - unless you happen to be on the NYOT team, insofar as they can't answer any bonus questions since they're not speaking to each other!

"The score is 350 for the Dipsy-Doodlers to 50 for the New Yorkers with a few minutes left. The next bonus is worth 25 points, here's the tossup: you've all heard of ByrneCon and DipCon, but what was DunDraCon changed to when it had to be post-" (RRRING)

"SCDD, Masters....DunDraClone"

"That's-"

The other team manages to get some words in, like "How were we supposed to know about a con held out west?"

"Would you mind explaining how we westerners know so much about ORIGINS, which is almost invariably held out east except when somebody manages to screw things up? Anyway, that answer was right, and here's your 25-point bonus: DIPLOMACY is supposed to be about WWI, but, according to Avalon Hill's THE GUNS OF AUGUST, things aren't as unequal as they should be. For 25 points, just which country had the best army in terms of strength density, as opposed to most manpower?"

(Mumble, mumble....) "Germany"

"No, it was Great Britain, no points there, but the next bonus is worth 30 points, so here's the tossup: it was originally supposed to come out in early 1981, then mid-1981, then late 1981-" (RRRING)

"SCDD, Brown....RISING SUN"

"5-point penalty, and here's the rest of the question for the NYers: then early 1982, and now, according to Don Greenwood, it's scheduled for release at ORIGINS '82, if they can ever fit all of the stuff they're supposed to into the box. For 10 points, what game am I talking about?" (BUZZZZZZ)

"NY, Henricks....GI: ANVIL OF VICTORY"

"I honestly expected you to say GUNSLINGER, but GI is right, and here's the bonus: Nova's AXIS AND ALLIES is strange in that each unit type is a different shape. For 10 points each, I'll name the shape, and you name the unit type. Triangle?"

"Airborne"

"No, armored....diamond?"

"Subs"

"Right....circle?"

"Anti-aircraft"

"A-bomb is also acceptable, but you got 20 points out of that. Here's the next tossup: a quick counting question....how many British Navies do you get in a set of wooden Diplomacy blocks?" (RRRING)

"SCDD, Jones....Eight"

"That's right, and here's the 20-point bonus: in the SQUAD LEADER series, Avalon Hill tended to use familiar names, from Lt. Greenwood to Sahavitch of the Russians (Saha being the name of a PANZERBLITZ specialist). Of what country would you find a leader named after Alan Moon?"

(Pause) "Captain?.....Japan"

"Unfortunately, OKINAWA hasn't come out yet - the answer is none (TEEEEET) and there's the whistle to end the game.....It's official! The final score is 80 for the New York Or Thereabouts Gand to 365 for the SoCal Dipsy Doodlers. SCDD is the winner!" (The remainder of the day's "activities" have been deleted in case any of you are squeamish....)

You'll notice that this was the eighth game of the tournament. That means that the first round is over, and eight teams advance to the quarter-finals. Here are the teams:

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DIPSY-DOODLERS, whom you've met;

STARS & BARS (Mike Conner, Peggy Gemignani, Gary Coughlan, John Daly)

The STARS & BARS know what a
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ENDWELLIAN SOCIETY OF MEDIOCRITY (Bruce Linsey, Mike Barno, Tom Swider, Bob Wyatt)
 MARYLAND DIPPERS (Lanny Myers, Julie Glass, Dick Martin, Fred Davis)
 OLD GUARD (Robert Sacks, John Boardman, Allan Calhauer, John Michalski - now that BB is "retired", he's eligible)
 AVALON HILL (Tom Shaw, Don Greenwood, Alan Moon, Jack Dott)
 "THE PRINCE (AND PRINCESS) OF WALES'S OWN" DIPPERS (Richard Gooch, Pete Tamlyn, John Marsden, Geoff Challenger)
 WHITESTONIA INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST (Kathy Byrne, Steve Heinowski, John Caruso, Dave Grabar)

~~DON'T BE SURPRISED IF DIP BOWL DOESN'T APPEAR NEXT TIME I CAN'T FILL THE SEASON-U~~

And what do you MEAN, am I anti-Canadian? Just because there aren't any Canadians on any of the remaining DIP BOWL teams doesn't mean that no Canadians even bothered....I'll have you know that the CANADIAN CLUB OF DIP had a rather close match against the ESM, but can I help it if they lost? This IS single elimination, you know....

IT IS A
 FORGETTABLE
 CONCEPT

but LET'S FACE IT - if the Raiders make it into the playoffs next year, you can forget you ever saw that stuff above.....which brings me into the LOM NEWS.....

Dateline: SAN FRANCISCO....We won a football game. That's enough of that.

Dateline: BERKELEY.....Despite suffering through TWO colds, both of which were probably the flu in disguise, although I don't remember having a fever, although the sore throat/runny nose/headache/body aches/upset stomach were all there (I once drank a glass of orange juice under the weather right before an Economics final, and spent half the time in agony - the other half of the time, the agony was relieved by the stomach pains caused by the OJ, which was bad enough), and the second one is in progress at this very moment, which means I'll probably have to sterilize the dorm for STANTINOPLE-CON 2, I'm managing to put this rag out. You can applaud now. What - no sympathy? I suppose you're saving it all for Marion Bates, even though I hear he probably IS sicker than I am (where has PLAGUE TIMES been lately?).

Dateline: BROOKLYN....Some of you may be wondering where the report on "Eric Blake" is. Well, John Boardman told me he'd send it with or before his next set of orders for EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES. Wouldn't you know - he NMRed. No, John, that "Leader Dies Heirless" card was NOT put there on purpose.

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DIPLOMACY 1980LE, AUTUMN-WINTER 1905/SPRING 1906....GERMANY STRIKES AGAIN

AUTUMN 1905: FRANCE NMR - F TUN retreats OTB

WINTER 1905: FRANCE builds F MAR, F BRE
TURKEY builds A CON, F SMY

SPRING 1906

FRANCE (Stafford): F Mar-LYO, A Spa-MAR,
F Por-SPA(sc), F Mid-WES (s F Tun(nsu)),
A LON H, F Bre-ENG, F NWG-Nth, A PAR H

GERMANY (Caruso): A Sil-WAR (s A PRU), A Stp-NWY (s F SWE), F BOT-Stp(sc),
A BEL H, A Kie H(nsu), A TYO-Boh, A MUN H(unordered)

ITALY (Daly): F TRI H (s A VEN), A NAP H (s F ROM)

RUSSIA (Grabar): F Nwy-Nth (d-ret to SKA, Bar, OTB), A GAL S TURKISH
A Vie-Boh, A War-Sil (d-ret to Lvn, Ukr, OTB), A MOS-Stp,
F BLA C TURKISH A Con-Sev

TURKEY (La Beau): A Con-SEV, A Bud-VIE, A Vie-BOH, A Ser-ALB, F Ion-ADR,
F Gre-ION, F Smy-AEG, F Tyh-TUS, F Tun-TYH

The F/G draw failed; another F/G draw has been proposed - vote with your
next set of orders.

What - no press? Well, SUMMER and FALL 1906 are due by FEBRUARY 20.

DIPLOMACY 1981AS, SPRING 1903.....ITALY'S CONVOY IS MISSING SOMETHING

AUSTRIA (Lucas): A Tri-VEN, A Gal-VIE, A Bud-TRI, A Rum-BUD, F GRE H
(s A SER)

ENGLAND (CD): F LON, F EDI; A Lvp was wiped out

FRANCE (Winger): A Wal-LVP (s F NAO), F Eng-NTH, F Mid-ENG, A MAR H &
continues to improve its tan on the Riveria, A BEL H &
sends a package of Belgian waffles to their Dutch
neighbors

GERMANY (Manuel): A Ber-PRU (s A SIL), A HOL-Kie, F SKA-Bal, F KIE-Den

ITALY (Noto): A TUN-Syr(nsu)(c F ION, F Eas(d-ret to Syr, OTB)),
A PIE-Tus, A TUS H (unordered)

RUSSIA (Sherwood): A Pru-WAR (s A UKR), A ANK-SEV (c F BLA), A Swe-DEN
(s F BAL), F Bar-NWY

TURKEY (Carter): F Aeg-Eas (s F SMY), A BUL H

SUMMER and FALL 1903 orders are due by FEBRUARY
20. Now for some PRESS.....

AUSTRIA-TURKEY: How do you spell relief?

AUSTRIA-FRANCE: How do you spell romp?

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: How do you spell Tyrolia?

AUSTRIA-GERMANY: How do you spell?

LIMERICK, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (by way of FRANCE):

The 'zine that's put out by Del Grande

Contains much, none of which is too handy.

But if it's Dip that you play

And you're into delay

Life Of Monty is the one that's a Dandy.

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More 1981AS press.....

THE WINGBAT (France)-TRO: Question: What's harder than trying to win a game of Diplomacy when everybody is against you except England and England is in civil disorder? Pick one: (A) trying to decipher (or even get) a letter from Dave Manuel; (B) trying to follow the pagination of LOM #16; (C) getting through three years of Diplomacy in LOM; (D) finding a reason to go back to New Mexico after living in San Diego; (E) All of the above.

GM-WINGBAT: I'll take (F) Trying to GM and study for finals and think up ways to fill 8 pages (much less 12) and take criticism and etc.

PARISIAN PRESS: Due to the unexpected delay in the start of the North Sea sailing races, due to begin this season, the Emperor has decided to seek temporary I&I (intercourse & intoxication) for a few of the crew, in England. Safe conduct for these crewmen from Wales to Liverpool requires that the fleet currently in the North Atlantic Ocean be delayed in its venture into the Norwegian Sea. We hope that this does not disappoint the multitude of anxious spectators who have been awaiting the fleet's arrival.

BERLIN-MOSCOW: You're in for it now!

BERLIN-VIENNA: I hope you're allied for the worst of russia, not for the best.

GM-BERLIN: Not to sound PUSHY, but TWICE you used "your" instead of "you're", and you used "the the best" on the SAME line. (Then again, when I was 14, we were too busy reading stupid novels to get right to the heart of the matter in English classes....)

BERLIN: Kaiser Manuel today announced has alternative to the Russian Czar, an unconditional surrender unless he goes into civil disorder NOW! "At least you can save face, Keith" commented the Kaiser, "The German nation will continue to fight Russia until Russia is no more."

BERLIN-ANKARA: Keep fighting! Help's comin'!

BERLIN-PARIS: I'll fight Russia if you leave me alone and nail England, then help me against TROISM.

LONDON VIA AMSTERDAM: The English people excitedly await the coming of French into this city. "We are full of pride that the French allow us to become part of their empire - er, republic," commented London's Mayor Daveston Manhill. "It's a victory for the English people!" While in Amsterdam, the leader of the resistance in Holland (which consists of his wife and him), which isn't much, even had to admit the French rule would be satisfactory. He says, "The only reason why I am levying revolution in this country is to make the Kaiser feel better that his rule is on the same level as everyone else's."

MANUEL-DEL GRANDE: I think you did the right thing on the "Carter NMR" issue. Exactly what I would do. Keep it up.

RUSSIA-AUSTRIA: That's what my girlfriend is always telling me.

RUSSIA-BELLFLOWER: This isn't the game that will break up our friendship, it's your handling of 8LCD that offends me so much.

RUSSIA-GERMANY: Instead of teaching lying, I ought to try to teach you spelling and grammar. But first, a lesson in manners.

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DID YOU KNOW that, for the past two years, the winner of the Super Bowl was the LOSER of the pre-season 49er-Raider game? HONESTLY, didn't Hacksaw Reynolds deserve the MVP award? How about Ray Wersching and his 12 points?

... and this is PAGE 9 (let's see...
8+1=9?)

1980G, SPRING 1908.....ENGLAND CONVOYS BOTTLED UP UP FRONT

AUSTRIA (Goldberg): NMRI Has A BOH, A TYO, A UKR, A BUD, A GRE, A TRI
ENGLAND (Rose): F Mid-WES, F NAP S FRANCE F Tyh, A BER S FRANCE A MUN-SIL,
A DEN-Pru (c F BAL), A LVN-War, A EDI-Den (c F NTH), F NWG H, A STP-Mos
FRANCE (Hugh): F TYH S ENGLISH F Mid-Wes, F Mar-LYO, A PIE-Tyo, A Por-SPA,
A Mun-SIL, A Bur-MUN, A Pic-BUR
ITALY (Carter): F TUN-Tyh (s F ROM), A VEN S F Rom
RUSSIA (Ashley): A Sil-Ber(d-ret to Pru, Gal, OTB), A SEV-Mos (s A WAR),
A ARM-Sev, F Aeg-ION (s F EAS)

SUMMER and FALL 1908 orders are due by FEBRUARY 20. Press follows:
*****WAIT A MINUTE! A-F and A-E-F draws have been proposed; vote with
your next set of orders. NOW here's the press.....

FRANCE-AUSTRIA: Dear Mr. Goldberg, please come over to our side for a
three-way draw (F-E-A).
ENGLAND: Vote? Vote? Do I hear a vote?
FRANCE-GM: Don, do you have a game opening soon?
GM-FRANCE: I make enough mistakes as it is - right, guys?
FRA-"THE DEL GRANDE PRESS": Boy, I sure hope you get it right this time -
we've been playing this game for TWO years!
FRA-ITALY, RUSSIA, AUSTRIA: Give up boys, you're doomed, you've lost,
your ship is sunk - concede!!

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1981 Prb21, SPRING 1902 - NOT THREE, BUT FOUR NMRS??!!

Mark Lew has resigned as France, and Keith Sherwood did NOT take the
position. Furthermore, Richard Carlson NMRed once again, so his
position goes into CD (until he sends in orders), and Dick Martin and
Jeff Noto also NMRed. I thought I heard somewhere that Jeff was resigning
soon due to his upcoming marriage (I also thought it was Jeff, in case
it was really somebody else). Anyway, here goes:

PRIMARY

AUSTRIA: A Vie-TYO (s A TRI), A Bud-GAL, A SER S TURKISH A Rum, F Gre-ION
ENGLAND: A Yor-NWY (c F NTH, s F NWG)
TURKEY: A Con-BUL, A Arm-SEV (s A RUM, F BLA)

SECONDARY: AUS and ENGLAND had same as primary, TUR had no secondaries

FINAL RESULT, SPRING 1902

AUSTRIA (Barno): A Vie-TYO (s A TRI), A Bud-GAL, A SER S TURKISH A Rum,
F Gre-ION
ENGLAND (Rollin): A Yor-NWY (c F NTH, s F NWG)
FRANCE: NMRI - has A BUR, A MAR, F MAO
GERMANY (Martin): NMRI Has A HOL, F DEN, A KIE, A MUN, and a retreat
from A TYO to Boh, OTB
ITALY (CD): A ROM, A VEN, F NAP
RUSSIA (Noto): NMRI Has F BOT, F STP(sc), A UKR, and a retreat from
F NWY to Swe, Fin, or OTB; F Sev was annihilated
TURKEY (Carter): A Con-BUL, A Arm-SEV (s A RUM, F BLA)

STANDBYS are wanted! SUMMER and FALL 1902 orders are due by FEBRUARY 20,
if anybody is interested.....Press:

GM: I suddenly developed a sore throat right before the Super Bowl started.
My body aches all over the place - I'm glad there's no press!

For those who didn't NMR, this is
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KINGMAKER, TURN 5.....DOES 6 ACTUALLY COME BEFORE 5?

PRE-MOVEMENT PHASE: Scrope and Howard were subject to a new dandruff treatment - their heads were removed. Howard's scots archers, burgundian crossbowmen, and TWO saxons go to Roos; Earl of Salisbury to chancery. Neville receives Chamberlain of Chester. Berkeley receives Coventry plus Burg. Xbowmen; Holland receives Carisbrooke.

MOVEMENT

BERKELEY (Kenilworth)-Coventry-Coventry-Kenilworth
CROMWELL (Coventry)-Shrewsbury-w14-w9-w8-Harlech
GREY (Weymouth)-h42-h40-Bath-h31-h28
HERBERT (Harlech(c)) holds
HOLLAND (Kenilworth)-Coventry-Coventry-Kenilworth
MOWBRAY (Framlingham)-London
NEVILLE (Cardigan)-w22-w19-w15-w12-Harlech(c)
PERCY (Coventry(c))-Shrewsbury-w14-w9-w8-Harlech
ROOS (Coventry)-Shrewsbury-w14-w9-w8-Harlech
STANLEY (Douglas)-s2-s3-Preston
TALBOT (Ludlow)-w18-w17-w13-w12-Harlech(c)
LeLUCAS (Whitby) holds
LeROSE (Douglas)-s2-s3-Preston
LeSWAN (Berwick)-s32-s30-s29-s28-Caister

Note to MOWBRAY's owner: You can't get from the Royston side of the road to the St. Albans side of the road through Barnet - the Avalon Hill interpretation of the rules specifically states that the two roads connect in London.

Note to BERKELEY and HOLLAND's owner(s): You can't ENTER Coventry unless you END THE TURN there! Didn't I just go through that?

COMBAT: Both sides were neutral in Harlech, so no combat takes place. Cromwell/Percy/Roos grab Edward of March; Neville and Talbot control George; Berkeley and Holland control Edward of Lancaster; Margaret is still in Coventry; the others are dead. (Margaret and Edward-March are the senior heirs.)

YOUR CROWN CARD:

TURN 6 EVENTS: GALES AT SEA (no effect); STORMS AT SEA (no effect); PLAGUE-Carlisle (no effect); PARLIAMENT MAY BE SUMMONED.

Turn 6 moves PLUS a list of those who may wish to attend Parliament if it is called by the Chancellor (HOLLAND), which may be conditional upon where it's held, are due by February 20. Press follows:

GLASS ONION-BLACK HAND: Sorry I haven't written in so long. Yes, I'm still interested and I'll write this next season.

SHERWOOD-LA BEAU: Our spies tell us you have Howard. Don't burn him yet. Let's negotiate.

GM: Too late....by the way, somebody asked me how the Captain of Calais answers an event in Calais if he's in England and doesn't have a ship. Well, if somebody won't loan him a ship, he doesn't answer the call. Just like somebody answering a call from Ireland or an island.

Page 11 is an island of itself,
whatever that means

EMPIRES OF THE MIDDLE AGES, 1011-1015.....THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING....
(mainly Denmark)

Germany discards event card 33; France plays card 32, obtaining a claim to Valencia. Treaty between France and Germany: France loans 4g before 1011, and Germany pays back 5g after taxes.

1011
~~GERMANY~~ ^{Reagan} (Hanson, 9-9-3): Rule Poland (ER 3/70). Poland's SS=3; remove unrest.
BURGUNDY (Hanson, 5-3-5): Conquer Toulouse from Burgundy (2g/ER 7/83).
PC1; Toulouse's SS=0.
POLAND (McConnell, 2-2-5): Rule Pomerania (ER 0/63). Pomerania's SS=-1.
DENMARK (Boardman, 3-3-2): NMR. Card 82.
FRANCE (Olsen, 2-2-2): Rule Anjou +1 (1g/ER 0/71). No effect.

1012
GERMANY: Conquer Hungary from Poland (2g/ER 7/77). Poland's SS=2.
(According to 7.21, Christian and Heretical are different)
BURGUNDY: Conquer Toulouse from Burgundy (2g/ER 8/65). Toulouse conquered, in unrest, SS=-1.
POLAND: Rule Pomerania (ER 1/101). Pomerania's SS=-2.
DENMARK: NMR. Card 74; new leader is a 3-2-5.
FRANCE: Rule Aquitaine +1 (1g/ER 0/61). Remove unrest.

1013
GERMANY: Pillage Hungary from Poland (ER 8/79). Hungary's SS=0.
BURGUNDY: Rule Toulouse (ER 2/80). Toulouse's SS=-2; area rebels and becomes independent.
POLAND: Rule Pomerania (ER 0/102). New leader is a 9-2-5.
DENMARK: NMR. Card 97.
FRANCE: NPE. Card 107.

1014
GERMANY: Pillage Hungary from Poland (ER 9/89). Poland's SS=1.
BURGUNDY: Conquer Toulouse from Burgundy (2g/ER 10/93) PC1; Toulouse's SS=-3.
POLAND: Rule Pomerania (ER 0/98). Pomerania's SS=-1.
DENMARK: NMR. Card 75.
FRANCE: NPE. Card 68; new leader is a 5-3-3.

1015
GERMANY: Conquer Silesia from Bavaria (2g/ER 8/95). Silesia conquered, in unrest, SS=0.
BURGUNDY: NPE. Card 104.
POLAND: Rule Pomerania (ER 1/72). No effect.
DENMARK: NMR. Card 96; new leader is a 3-3-3.
FRANCE: Rule Castille (ER 0/92). No effect.

TAXES
GERMANY: Bavaria 2, Franconia 1, Lorraine 2, Swabia 2, -5 to France; has 2g.
BURGUNDY: Burgundy 3; has 8g.
POLAND: Demesne 2; has 5g.
DENMARK: Has 3g.
FRANCE: Ile De France 1, Aragon 1, Aquitaine 2; has 9g.

SARACENS are still asleep somewhere; MAGNATE #2 tries to land in Saxony, but is driven away.

MAGNATE #1
1. Conquer Croatia from Verona (ER 4/57). Verona's SS=1.
2. Conquer Croatia from Verona (ER 3/68). Croatia conquered, SS=0; Verona's SS=0. Magnate leaves; PC2 in Venice removed; Verona and Croatia become independent.

This PAGE 12 is dependent, though

EVENT CARDS: Germany draws a holding card (number ____), Burgundy draws #7, Poland draws #3, Denmark draws #23, and France draws #1. Germany has 4 holding cards and must discard one; Denmark's new leader is a 3-3-3, Northumbria is in unrest, and card 50 is lost.

BURGUNDY: Burgundy 3, Lombardy 0, Provence -1, Rome -2, plus PCI and tie to Toulouse. 54 points.
DENMARK: Denmark 2+2F, Norway -3 (RC), Northumbria -1*, plus conversion of Sweden (RC). 56 points. (Ties were lost when leader died heirless)
FRANCE: Ile De France 1, Anjou 2*, Aquitaine 2, Aragon 1+T, Brittany -2, Flanders -1, Normandy -3, Valencia 1*, (Castille 0*), plus claim to Toulouse. 62 points.
GERMANY: Lorraine 2+2F, Austria -1, Bavaria 2, Brandenburg -3*+T, Franconia 1, (Poland 1(heretical)), Saxony -2, Swabia 2, Switzerland 0, (Volhynia 1*), plus claim to Friesland. 57 points.
POLAND: Pomerania -1, (Prussia -1*), plus claim to Silesia. 37 points.

Orders for 1016-1020 are due by FEBRUARY 20, assuming that I got all of this right, which is probably hoping for too much, what with this cold I've got. Press:

FRANCE: Hooray! Finally got rid of that lousy 9 and back to the good old 2-2-2! I've been much luckier with poor leaders in this game; for one thing, I don't have to worry about them dying and leaving the throne to somebody worse!

FRANCE-GM: And don't try sneaking a 1-1-1 on me, either.

GM-FRANCE: That's strange; I've been practicing throwing 12s all month....

~~STILL-OPENINGS-IN-SOURCE-OF-THE-NILE-DOESN'T-ANYBODY-OUT-THERE-PLAY-THIS-GAME?----~~

SOURCE OF THE NILE.....DR. BENOVSKY TIRES OUT

Word from Africa has arrived that Dr. Vladimir Benvosky and Rick Burton have decided to hang up their rifles and retire. That still leaves three explorers out there - there's still time for some new explorer(s) to get out to Africa and pick up a truckload of specimens (which European agencies will pay handsomely for).

The latest news is that Farley Puraday (Mike LaBeau) boarded a steamship in Quillimane and has just arrived in Europe! Here's what was published: Y13-12,500' mountain; Y14-desert; Y15-desert; Z13-17,200' mountain; Z14-desert; AA13-12,400' mountain; river flows AA16-AA15-AA14-Z13-Z14-Y14 and continues in direction 1, with a Z16' cataract in Z13. Farley has \$100 in donations for his next visit to Africa.

Wild Bill Taubeneck (Bob Olsen) and Bungalow Bill (Keith Sherwood) are still in the middle of the unknown, and no messages have been sent out. (What happened this turn is on a separate sheet in the players' editions.) Deadline for the next turn is FEBRUARY 20.

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^ MORE MUTANTS! ^

I've got over two pages to fill, so it's time for a few plugs.....

RETALIATION, THE CHAMBER, and BLACK FROG (by, respectively, Dick Martin, Dave Manuel, and Jack Masters) haven't been seen lately in this vicinity. Rumors abound that this can be blamed on no publishing, no time, and a lot of different things, in that order.

Spoken of folds, EXPLETIVE DELETED, Tom Swider's new 'zine, has folded after (actually, DURING) one issue! ED was the only 'zine in "Censorround",

ED didn't know this is PAGE 13

and it came in a 12-~~12~~^{page} non-reduced digest format; according to the cover, it "deals graphically and frankly with you-know-what". It won't be missed very much, insofar as we'll have to remember what it was when the Class of 1982 Poll comes around.

What with the 49ers' victory recently, I might as well plug WINSOME LOSESOME by Judy Winsome, 749 21st Avenue, Apt. 3, San Francisco, CA 94121. WL deals with "postal DIPLOMACY ((and variants)), the game, the hobby, the gossip, and the general brouhaha. Issue #2 contained 10 pages and sold for 40¢, although Judy asks that interested subbers send \$5 and she'll credit your account accordingly (in case she has to change her sub rate). Judy has come up with a novel idea for those guilty of deception of the GM: it's got something to do with a no-necked friend of hers named Bruce.

It seems that there were a few mistakes in the last Leeder Poll, but John Leeder has posted the new results:

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| 1. BLACK FROG (8.23) | 1. JOHN DALY (9.11) |
| 2. DOT HAPPY (8.09) | 2. RON BROWN (8.66) |
| 3. BRUTUS BULLETIN (7.92) | 3. BOB SERGEANT (8.77) |
| 4. MURD'RING MINISTERS (7.84) | 4. GARY COUGHLAN (8.67) |
| 5. RETALIATION (7.81) | 5. DON DITTER (8.60) |
| 6. EUROPA EXPRESS (7.74) | 6. JOHN MICHALSKI (8.55) |
| 7. LONE STAR DIPLOMAT (7.74) | 7. RANDOLPH SMYTH (8.50) |
| 8. JUST AMONG FRIENDS (7.60) | 8. ANDY LISCHETT (8.47) |
| 9. CHEESECAKE (7.58) | 9. FRED DAVIS (8.40) |
| 10. JIHAD! (7.56) | 10. JOHN CARUSO (8.30) |
| 11. EAST OF EDEN (7.43) | 11. JACK MASTERS (8.23) |
| 12. WHITESTONIA (7.33) | 12. LEE KENDTER SR. (8.21) |
| 13. SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON (7.15) | 13. DAVE MARSHALL (8.17) |
| 14. BUSHWACKER (7.13) | 14. GLENN OVERBY (8.14) |
| 15. FOL SI FIE (7.11) | 15. AL PEARSON (8.13) |
| 16. DIPLOMACY DIGEST (7.11) | 16. JOHN BOARDMAN (8.00) |
| 17. EMHAIN MACHA (6.95) | 17. BOB ARNETT (7.94) |
| 18. PLAGUE TIMES (6.93) | 18. JIM BUMPAS (7.88) |
| 19. WHY ME? (6.93) | 19. BOB OSUCH (7.87) |
| 20. TORPEDO (6.93) | 20. DREW McGEE (7.80) |
| 21. THE DOGS OF WAR (6.87) | 21. JOHN LEEDER (7.67) |
| 22. VOLKERWANDERUNG (6.86) | 22. MIKE CONNER (7.65) |
| 23. BERSAGLIERI (6.84) | 23. STEVE HEINOWSKI (7.62) |
| 24. DIPLOMACY WORLD (6.78) | 24. MIKE BARNO (7.60) |
| 25. SNAKE PIT (6.73) | 25. BERN SAMPSON (7.55) |
| 26. SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS (6.71) | 26. MIKE MILLS (7.44) |
| 27. VOICE OF DOOM (6.69) | 27. GERALD AUSTIN (7.40) |
| 28. PASSCHENDAELE (6.69) | 28. ROY HENRICKS (7.32) |
| 29. ENVOY (6.61) | 29. DON DEL GRANDE (7.29) |
| 30. LIFE OF MONTY (6.58) | 30. ALLEN WELLS (7.29) |
| 31. RUNESTONE (6.54) | 31. STEVE McLENDON (7.08) |
| 32. THE DRAGON AND THE LAMB (6.36) | 32. MARION BATES (7.00) |
| 33. PEEK (6.36) | 33. FRANCOIS CUERRIER (6.83) |
| 34. TER-RAN (6.26) | 34. DICK MARTIN (6.80) |
| 35. SNAFU (6.15) | 35. KEITH MERCER (6.60) |
| 36. EVERYTHING (6.00) | 36. DON HORTON (6.50) |
| 37. LIBERTERREAN (6.00) | 37. TONY WATSON (6.50) |
| 38. APPALLING GREED (5.79) | 38. AL RODRIGUEZ (6.40) |
| 39. KLEPTO MANIA (5.60) | 39. TOM SWIDER (6.13) |
| 40. GRAUSTARK (5.59) | 40. DON SIGVALT (6.00) |
| 41. THE SHOGUN'S SWORD (5.55) | 41. BRUCE LINSEY (5.83) |
| 42. Y*ALL (5.54) | 42. JERRY JONES (5.67) |

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- 43. RURITANIA (5.46)
- 44. CLAW AND FANG (5.41)
- 45. INFIDEL (5.27)
- 46. INVASION (5.25)
- 47. EGGNOG (4.95)
- 48. THE CHAMBER (4.80)
- 49. LIES, DECEIT & NEFARIOUS
SCHEMES (4.60)
- 50. ITALIANO PRIBE (4.54)
- 51. BOAST (3.92)
- 52. TORONTO TELEGRAM (3.86)
- 53. BORN TO DIP (3.46)
- 54. TETRACUSPID (3.00)
- 55. LE FRONT DU LIBERATION DU
DIPLOMACY (2.10)

- 43. JACK FROST (5.20)
- 44. SCOTT HANSON (5.17)
- 45. BRUCE SCHNEIER (4.60)
- 46. RICHARD KOVALICK JR. (2.43)
- 47. BRAD WILSON (1.87)

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